(b) whether the India Government or the Political Agent had given the Government any advice regarding the issue of orders or instructions mentioned in 458 or regarding the appointment in the service of Muhammadans or Ezhuvas or communities or classes unrepresented or not adequately represented in the service; if so, will the Government kindly inform the Council what advice they have received?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The instructions were issued as a result of the representations made by the Ezhuvas in a Memorial submitted by them to His Highness the Maharaja.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

460. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing:—

(a) the names of the persons who have been entertained in the State service after the issue of the Government Proceedings regarding the appointment of Ezhuvas, Muhammadans, etc., in the State service;

(b) the date of the appointment of each person referred to in (a);

(c) the salary of each person referred to in (a);

(d) the name of the Head of the Department or other officer by whom the appointment was made?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement containing the information so far collected is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

461. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If after the issue of the Proceedings referred to in 460 (a) persons other than Ezhuvas, Muhammadans and others referred to in the Proceedings have been newly entertained in the State service, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why in those cases the spirit of the Proceedings was not acted upon;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ascertain whether suitable candidates would be forthcoming from the communities or classes referred to in the Proceedings;

(c) whether, in respect of any of the appointments referred to above, the Government have resorted to advertisement in order to ascertain whether candidates referred to in (b) will be forthcoming?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The spirit of the Proceedings has been acted upon as far as possible.

(b) Selection from the applications received.

(c) No.

462. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If the Government have not resorted to advertisement referred to in 461 (c), will the Government be pleased to state their reasons for the non-adoption of that course?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Many applications for appointment from candidates of different communities are generally re-

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